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**PATENT**

**2257-0176P**

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yoshiko HATANO, et al. Conf.: 6812  
Appl. No.: 09/800,895 Group: 2613  
Filed: March 8, 2001 Examiner: Erick J. REKSTAD  
For: CODING DEVICE AND CODING METHOD

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October 25, 2004 (Monday)

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Remarks.